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Hospital deal in works

The hospital district is in negotiations with prospective partners and together plan to meet with creditors next week.

Hospital district CEO Neal Gold said during last week's board meeting they hope to present a plan to the bankruptcy court on Oct. 20.

During an interview following the meeting, Gold said they are currently discussing a plan where the partnership would

"buy into the business to generate sufficient cash to make a settlement offer to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.)"

The taxing district would remain in existence, and the real estate would be sold to the investment group, Gold said.

Currently, there are no other offers on the table, he added.

"Initially the plan was to get a single buyer. I don't have some-

body who wants to buy the whole thing," Gold said.

The hospital district is currently in bankruptcy proceedings and reimbursements owed to the government for overpayments the district received in Medicare and Medicaid are key issue.

"The whole point of the partnership is to generate cash. We don't have cash to make a settle-

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Trick Pony will go onstage Saturday at 7 p.m. on the Public Square. Their hits include "Pour Me," "On A Night Like This," "Just What I Do," "On A Mission" and "Every Other Memory."



Photo by Diana Withers

ACHS HOMECOMING

Heavy rains dampened homecoming activities Friday night but winners were announced. Photographed on a drier day are (from left): Ashley Bragg, second runner up, representing PEP Club; River Murley, 2014 ACHS Homecoming winner, representing FFA; and Brittany McFarland, first runner up, representing FCA.

Occupational tax passes

Around 10 people attended a city council meeting Monday night when the one percent occupational tax was voted upon by the council members.

Three men came before the city council to comment on the tax before the vote.

Paul McKaker said he believes people who work but do not live within the city limits are not being represented.

He suggested that a petition be formed for the residents of the city to sign in favor of the tax. He said that it would better repre-

sent the people.

"If we're going to tax the citizens of Adair County, would it hurt to get a petition?" McKaker said. "Ten percent of the people that live here to approve that? To

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Fundraiser set for Baby Maddox Durbin

Jeremy and Hanna Durbin have been parents now for almost three months, but they have yet to experience the excitement that comes with taking a newborn baby home.

Maddox Durbin was born on

July 13, 2014. Hanna was only 25 weeks pregnant when her son was born, which is considered an extremely premature birth.

Maddox is in the neonatal intensive care unit at UK Hospital in Lexington. During his short

life he has undergone a number of surgeries and blood transfusions, fought infections and relied on a ventilator for oxygen.

"It's day to day," Hanna said. "One day he could be doing re-

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EMS decides tax rate

After a miscommunication and a delay in tax bills, Adair County EMS has voted to set the compensating tax rate this year, EMS Director Tony Bragg said.

EMS did not receive notifications until late into the tax rate approval window and did not have time to go through the necessary steps to approve a 4 percent tax increase, which was the original intent of the board. As a

result, EMS was forced to take the compensating rate.

The tax rate last year was .040 percent, and this year it will be .041 percent.

At a special called meeting held on Sept. 26, the EMS board voted to accept the compensating rate due to the lack of other options, Bragg said. The rate will

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Voting machines open Tuesday

A voting machine will be open for voters to vote in the county clerk's office on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Voters who will be out of the county all hours of voting on election day will be able to vote in the county clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, and Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Anyone with questions should call the clerk's office at 270-384-2801 or 270-384-4007.

DOWNTOWN DAYS

FRIDAY

4 p.m. - Vendor Booths Open

5 p.m. - Kiddie Train Rides

6 p.m. - Adult Big Wheel Race (Lindsey Hill)

6 p.m. - Kids/Youth Showcase - Rikki Michelle Neat, Heather Sabo, Brandi Powell, Kobe and Savon Stapp, The Grace Girls and Jake Hill - Main Stage

8 p.m. - Thin Line Band (New and Old Country and Southern Rock) - Main Stage



SATURDAY

7 a.m. - 5K Run Registration, Chamber Building

8 a.m. - 5K Run - Chamber Building

8:30 a.m. - Vendor Booths Open

9 a.m. - 1/2 mile Fun Run. Ages 13 and under. Chamber Building

10 a.m. - Ministerial Association - Friends in Jesus, Ricardo Hughes and The Payne Sisters will be singing - Main Stage

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Columbia Masonic Lodge # 96, 200 year anniversary open house - 501 Burkesville St.

11:30 - Ashton Pyles, Tessa Pyles, Karen Pescosolido, Nancy Smith - Main Stage

Noon - Crossroads Quartet (Southern Gospel) - Main Stage

Noon - 3 p.m. - Kids Carnival: Lots of free games and prizes, clowns and activities - On Campbellsville St., in parking lot across from City Hall

1 p.m. - Kickin Kids Demonstration - Public Square

1:15 - Compass Points South (Country) - Main Stage

2 p.m. - Damon's CTA - Tumbling & Gymnastics - Public Square

2:30 p.m. - Korianne Cox and Whitney Stearns - Main Stage

3 p.m. - The Carousel Stampede: Featuring Easton Bryant, Neil Goodin and Nick Kemp (Alternative Country) - Main Stage

5 p.m. - No Deceit (Country/Rock) - Main Stage

7 p.m. - Trick Pony, FREE concert (Country) - Main Stage

For more information call 270-384-2501 or visit downtowndayscolumbia.com